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## CINDY MOON

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## SWASHBUCKLING WEB-SPINNER!

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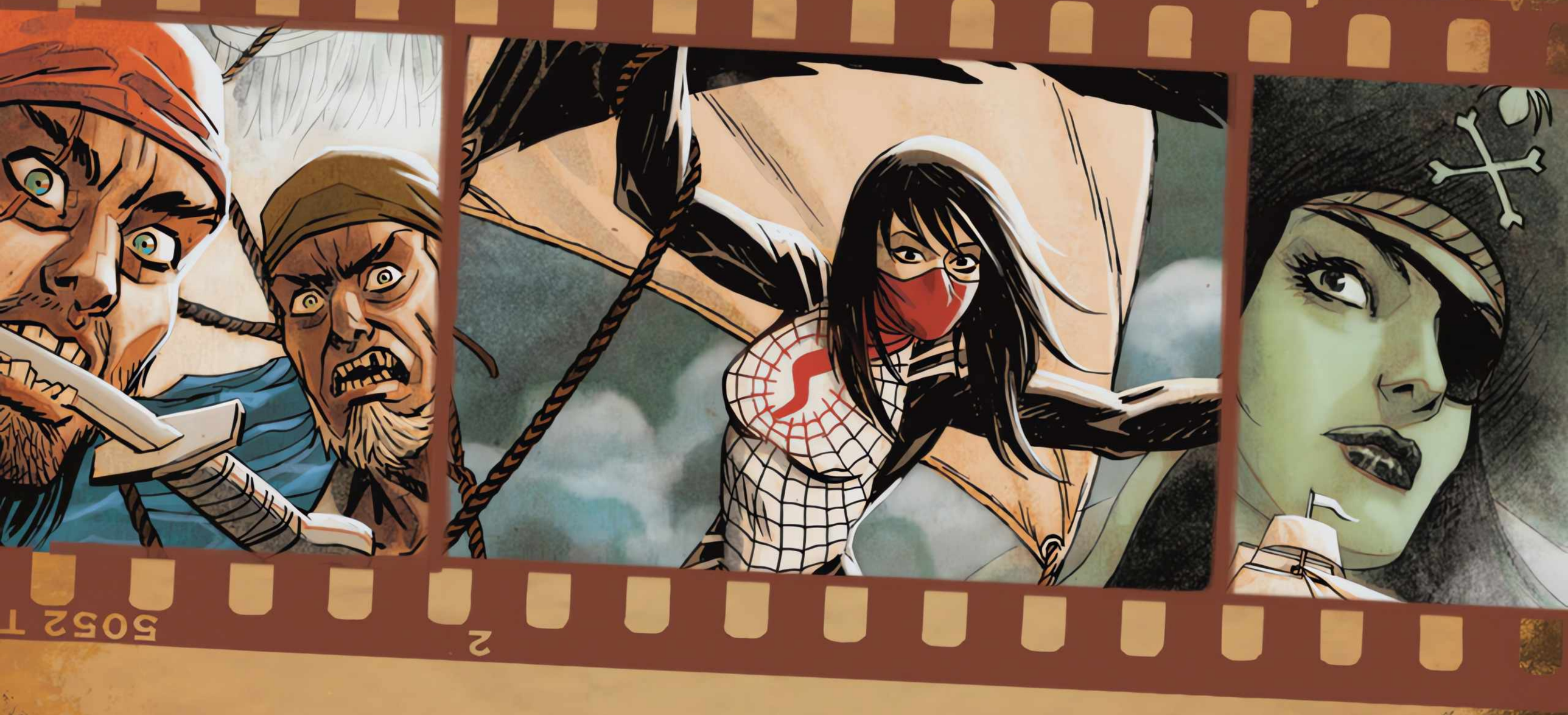
As a teenager, CINDY MOON was bitten by the same spider that bit PETER PARKER, giving her powers of adhesion, a precognitive awareness of danger, and the ability to shoot webs from her fingertips. Targeted by dangerous people for her powers, she was locked in a bunker for over a decade. Upon rejoining the world, she became the web-spinning super hero known as...

# SILK



*Avast, ye scurvy dogs! The high seas are calling, and only the bravest souls dare answer. Is* **Captain Silk** *prepared to face what lies at the bottom of Davy Jones' Locker?*

*Or will she–*

No, no, no... **CUT!**

Let's try this again. **TAKE TWO!**

**CINDY MOON**, known to some as the web-spinning super hero **SILK**, is in serious trouble. Two enemies from her recent past, **SAYA ISHII** and her brother, **MAX**, have trapped Cindy in a dream world with a mysterious **MONSTER**. But whenever Cindy becomes aware of her situation, the landscape changes and her memory is reset. While Cindy fights to find an escape from the inside, on the outside, her brother, **ALBERT**, has sought help from Doctor Strange's right hand– a master of the mystic arts, **WONG!**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I've wanted to be a pirate ever since I saw *Pirate Princesses 4* in theaters as a kid. But I knew it would never happen because I'm afraid of the ocean.

Like, sharks? Jellyfish? Bermuda Triangle? No, thanks.

Hunker down, lads! We've battled worse than this scoundrel lot!

But somehow, here I am. And there's only one explanation for it...

...I'm *dreaming.*

But every time I voice my awareness, I get reset into a new dream.

So for now, I need to play along until I figure out how to escape this never-ending nightmare.

Let's just hope I don't get shish kebabbed before that happens.

The apartment of Cindy Moon. New York City.

I gave you one job, Max--***watch the brother.*** And you let him get away.

I'm sorry, okay?

You need to get him back. ***NOW.***

I have no idea where he went, Saya.

Well, lucky for you, I plan for these scenarios. I plan for ***every*** scenario. That's why I'm me and you're...well, ***you.***

SNAP

The drone that was ***supposed*** to contain Albert also tagged him with an ***energy signature*** we can track. This necklace will guide you to him.

***Hurry.*** The signature is only temporary, and who knows what he's up to right now.

He could ruin everything...

You should've seen the stuff they had her hooked up to, Wong! It was like something out of a movie. And Saya said Cindy doesn't have much longer--we have to act ***fast.***

The Sanctum Sanctorum. Greenwich Village, New York City.

This is a very unusual situation. Doctor Strange is currently in another dimension...but I think I might know the danger you and your sister are facing, Albert.

Follow me.

If I'm predicting what is happening correctly, Saya is playing with some very ***dark magic.***

This is a rare Hermetic text. The ***Mondragone Codex.*** Only a few copies exist in the world.

I have no idea how Saya might've gotten her hands on such a valuable piece.

We obtained one a few years ago after Doctor Strange and I helped a dying Greek warlock.

It sounds like this is what Cindy is up against. Now let's see if my Ancient Greek still passes...

"Its official name is the *Ja-Li*.

"It's a Sheep Demon...

"No, wait...

"...a Sleep Demon.

SLASH

"It would seem Saya is using her machine to keep Cindy in a *lucid-dreaming loop,* one in which she's constantly battling a single foe...the Ja-Li.

"Shifting from movie to movie helps disguise the fact that she's fighting the same fight over and over. Same story, different genres.

"It's a literal recurring nightmare.

"The Ja-Li has a unique ***energy-osmosis*** ability.

"With every battle, the monster absorbs a little more of Cindy's psychic energy.

"As a ***Spider-Totem,*** Cindy is tapped into a great mystical force--the ***Web of Life and Destiny.*** And so she's one of the few people in the world who could fuel the Ja-Li with enough energy...

"...to become ***corporeal*** and enter our world.

"Once in our living world, the demon will be incredibly powerful. And it will be indebted to Saya for freeing it. It will do ***anything*** she asks."

What'll happen to Cindy once the demon is freed?

She'll be trapped in her dreamscape forever.

So Saya is killing two birds with one stone. Getting rid of Silk while also harnessing the power of a dangerous demon.

How do we stop her?

I have an idea...but it's risky.

This is the *Crystal of Breksta.*

Looks like rock candy.

Looks can be deceiving. Though it has limited potential in ***this*** world, in the ***dreamworld,*** it is far more potent.

The trick is, we need to get it to Cindy...meaning someone has to enter her dreams.

I can't do it because I need to cast the spell.

I can do it.

It'll be very dangerous, Albert.

She's my *sister.* And there's no time to find someone else.

Seeing a familiar face would probably make it easier to convince her you're real. If you're sure you can do it--very well.

But before you embark on this venture, let me at least tell you the risks involved...

It's gotten faster and stronger. My guess is it somehow gains power by fighting me.

How does that make any sense, you ask?

Oof!

It doesn't.

But that's definitely what's happening.

CRSHH

I guess this is it...

Hn!

CRSHH

ALBERT?! Am I dreaming?

I mean, of course I am.

Listen, Cin, it's me. The *real* me.

I came from the outside world. ***Wong*** is helping us.

"I'm physically back at the Sanctorum right now."

That monster is a Sleep Demon. It's trying to...

...drain my energy. I know. How do I stop it?

With this crystal. Wong says it's a powerful weapon in the dreamworld.

I *knew* he'd be a problem.

Where the hell are you, Max? You were supposed to take care of him.

Guess I'll have to handle it myself. As always.

So, Albert, you wanna be the ***star*** of the show? Be my guest.

By the way... Wong said Saya would probably command the Ja-Li to target me. And the way the spell works is that if I die in the dream...

...I die in real life.

Give me the crystal, and get behind me!

By dream logic, I should be able to make this crystal anything I want it to be. Like...

...a monster-killing dagger.

I should lure it away-- to give you an opening.

You mean act as *bait?* Absolutely not. Just stay--

Hey, *ugly!* I'm over here!

Albert, *don't!*

That's right, come get your tasty, little pirate snack.

I swear, Albert--after I save you, I'm going to *kill* you.

KRRRSSH

BZZZZ

Act fast, Albert. I don't know how much longer I can keep you in there...

We've got company.

WHUM

Drone, target the boy.

LZZZT

Sorry for the abrupt wake-up, but I need to save your life from this buzzing monstrosity.

RRRAAAGH

That particular pirate is *off-limits* for you.

SHUNK

AAARGGHUH-HH!

Rise and shine, Albert!

Huh?

These contraptions should really stick to recording rivers.

KRRUNCH

KERPLUNCH

You there.

You are an uninvited guest and a trespasser. The punishments for both of which are *severe.*

I'm getting pulled out!

That's okay--we did it.

It's dying.

*NO!* It can't be over.

It's *not* over.

The Ja-Li still possesses all the energy it stole from Silk. It has the *power*... just not the body. And if it's a *body* it needs...

...well, I can give it that.

Gasp!
CRUNCH
Huh?

This *cannot* be good.

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